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In re Application of: Gregory J. Petras ) Group Art Unit: 2162  
 Serial No.: 09/782,873 )  
 Filed: 02/10/2001 ) Examiner: Alam, Shahid Al  
 For: System for Creating and Maintaining a )  
Database of Information Utilizing User Opinions) Att'y Docket No.: WC01520  
 Commissioner of Patents  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

In response to a restriction requirement set forth in an office action mailed 08/26/05, a provisional election with traverse is made by Applicant.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

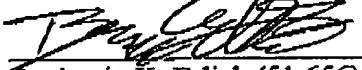
According to MPEP § 803, "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner **must** examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." (emphasis added) In the present case, the claims in each of the Groups identified by the Examiner, clearly comprise similar elements and would not place undue burden on the examiner. In view of these matters, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that each of the claims presently pending in this application be examined.

If the Examiner is not persuaded and persists with the restriction requirement Applicant provisionally elects Group I (Claims 1-11).

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Date: September 26, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

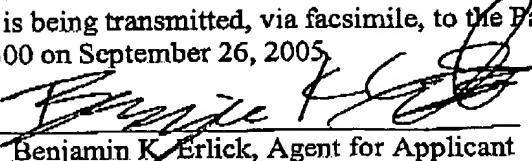
  
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